

# Revisiting pseudo-Dirac Neutrino scenario after recent solar neutrino data

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# Solar Neutrino Oscillations

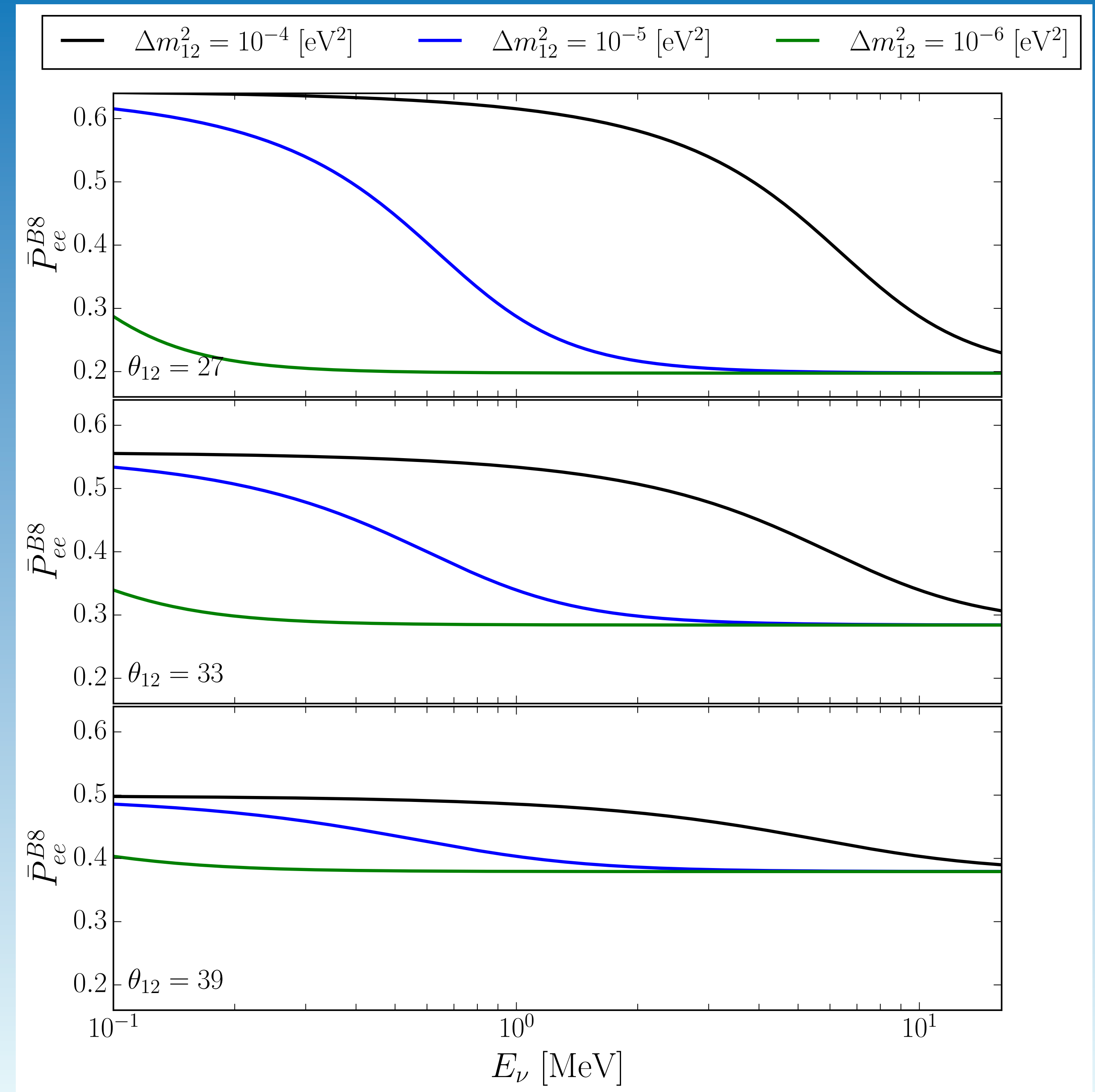
Mixing angle  $\theta_{12}$  and the mass splitting  $\Delta m_{12}^2$  are two important relevant parameters

MSW standard effect

$$\cos 2\theta_{12}^M = \frac{\cos 2\theta_{12} - V \frac{E_\nu}{\Delta m_{12}^2}}{\sqrt{(\cos 2\theta_{12} - V \frac{E_\nu}{\Delta m_{12}^2})^2 + \sin^2 2\theta_{12}}}$$

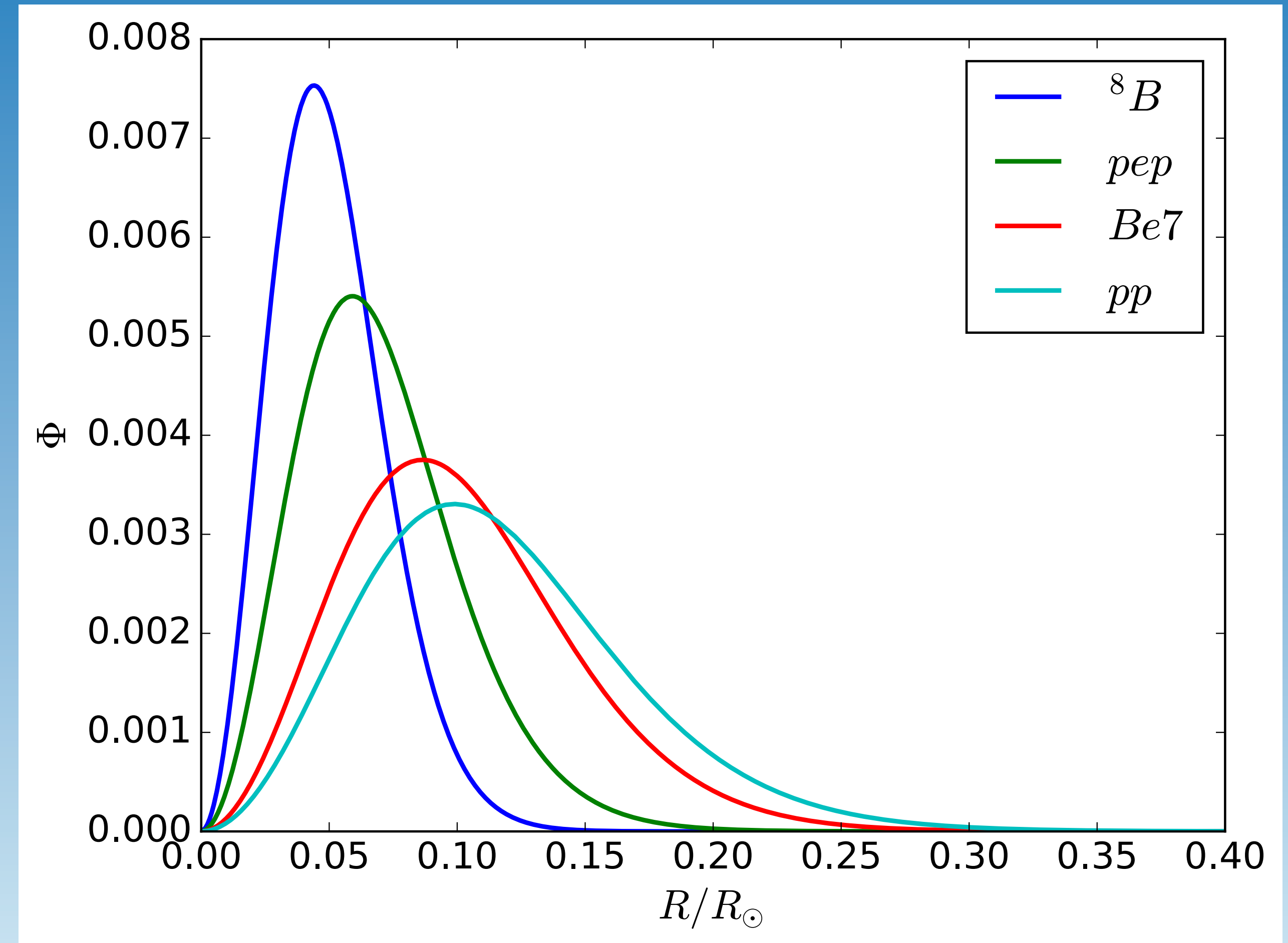
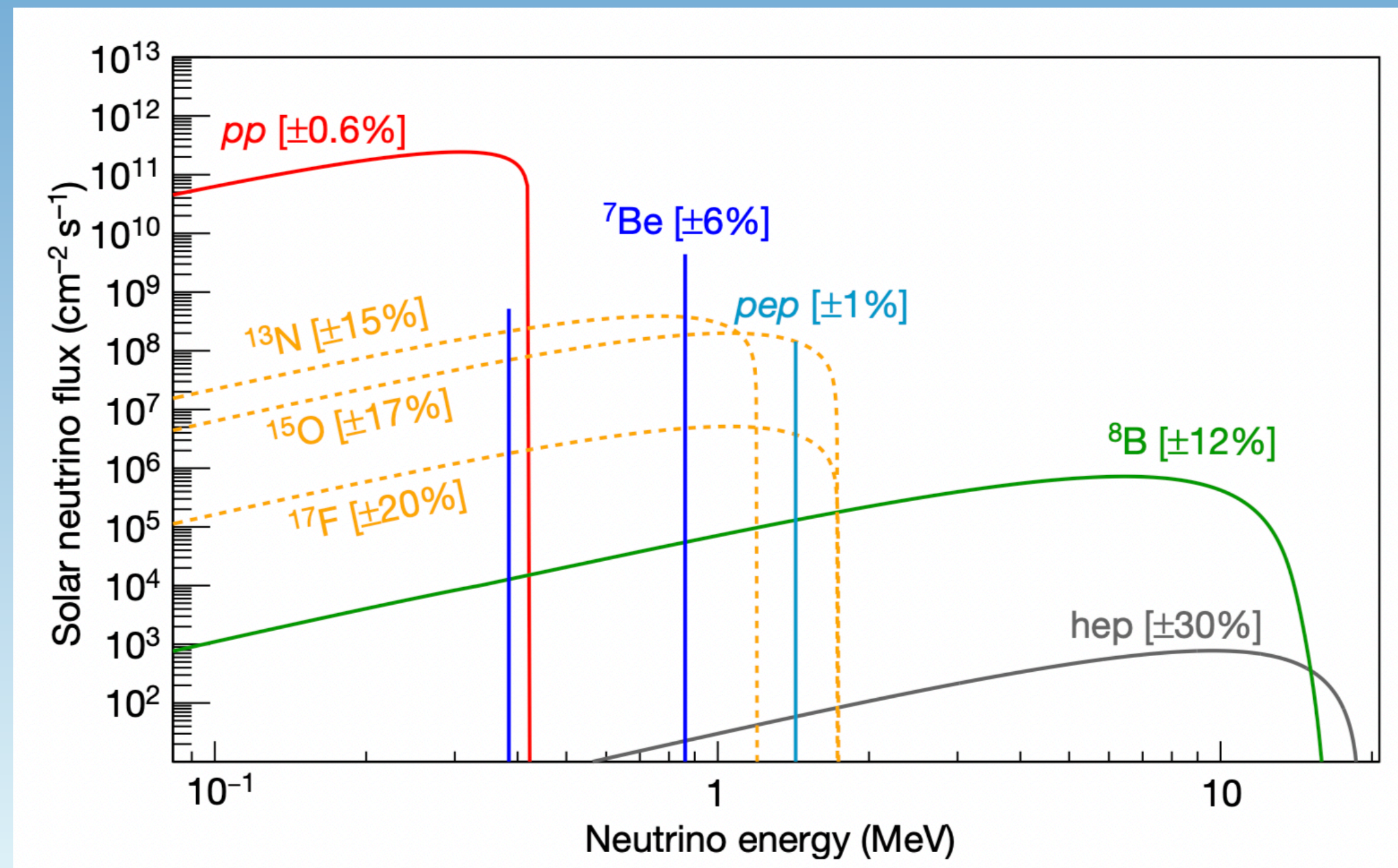
$$V \equiv 2\sqrt{2}G_F N_e(r) \Big|_{\text{at production}}$$

$$P(\nu_e \rightarrow \nu_e) = \cos^4 \theta_{13} (\cos^2 \theta_{12} \cos^2 \theta_{12}^M + \sin^2 \theta_{12} \sin^2 \theta_{12}^M) + \sin^4 \theta_{13}$$



# Solar Neutrino Oscillations

$$\bar{P}_{ee}^j(E_\nu, L) \equiv \int_{R_\odot} P_{ee}^j(E_\nu, L, N_e(r)) \Phi^j(r) dr$$



<http://www.sns.ias.edu/~jnb/>

"Comprehensive measurement of pp-chain solar neutrinos." *Nature* 562, no. 7728 (2018): 505-510.

# The pseudo-Dirac scenario

Neutrino states can have both Dirac mass ( $m$ ) and Majorana mass ( $\mu$ ) terms

$$\bar{\Psi}m\Psi + \bar{\Psi}^c\mu\Psi \quad \begin{pmatrix} 0 & m \\ m & \mu \end{pmatrix}$$

In general  $m$  and  $\mu$  are  $3 \times 3$  matrices. We assume that both can be diagonalized in mass basis simultaneously

The energy-momentum eigenstates takes the form below

$$(E^2 - p^2) \begin{pmatrix} \nu_L \\ \nu_R^c \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} m^2 & m\mu \\ m\mu & m^2 + \mu^2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \nu_L \\ \nu_R^c \end{pmatrix}$$

# The pseudo-Dirac scenario

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \left[ \mu + \sqrt{4m^2 + \mu^2} \right] & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} \left[ \mu - \sqrt{4m^2 + \mu^2} \right] \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\frac{2m}{\mu} \gg 1 \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{2m}{\mu} \ll 1$$

In the limit  $\mu \ll m$  we are in the regime of maximally mixing

Two Majorana mass states

$$m \pm \frac{1}{2}m\mu$$

Active Neutrino can oscillate to sterile neutrino

$$p(\nu_L \rightarrow \nu_s) = \sin^2 \left( \frac{m\mu}{2E_\nu} L \right)$$

# The pseudo-Dirac scenario

Adding matter effect for the sun

$$(E^2 - p^2) \begin{pmatrix} \nu_L \\ \nu_R^c \end{pmatrix} = \left[ \begin{pmatrix} 2pV & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} m^2 & m\mu \\ m\mu & m^2 + \mu^2 \end{pmatrix} \right] \begin{pmatrix} \nu_L \\ \nu_R^c \end{pmatrix}$$

Inside the sun the mixing between active and sterile neutrino will be suppressed

$$2pV \gg m\mu$$

Therefore the standard MSW effect is working inside the sun

At the sun's surface we have an incoherent combination of active neutrinos

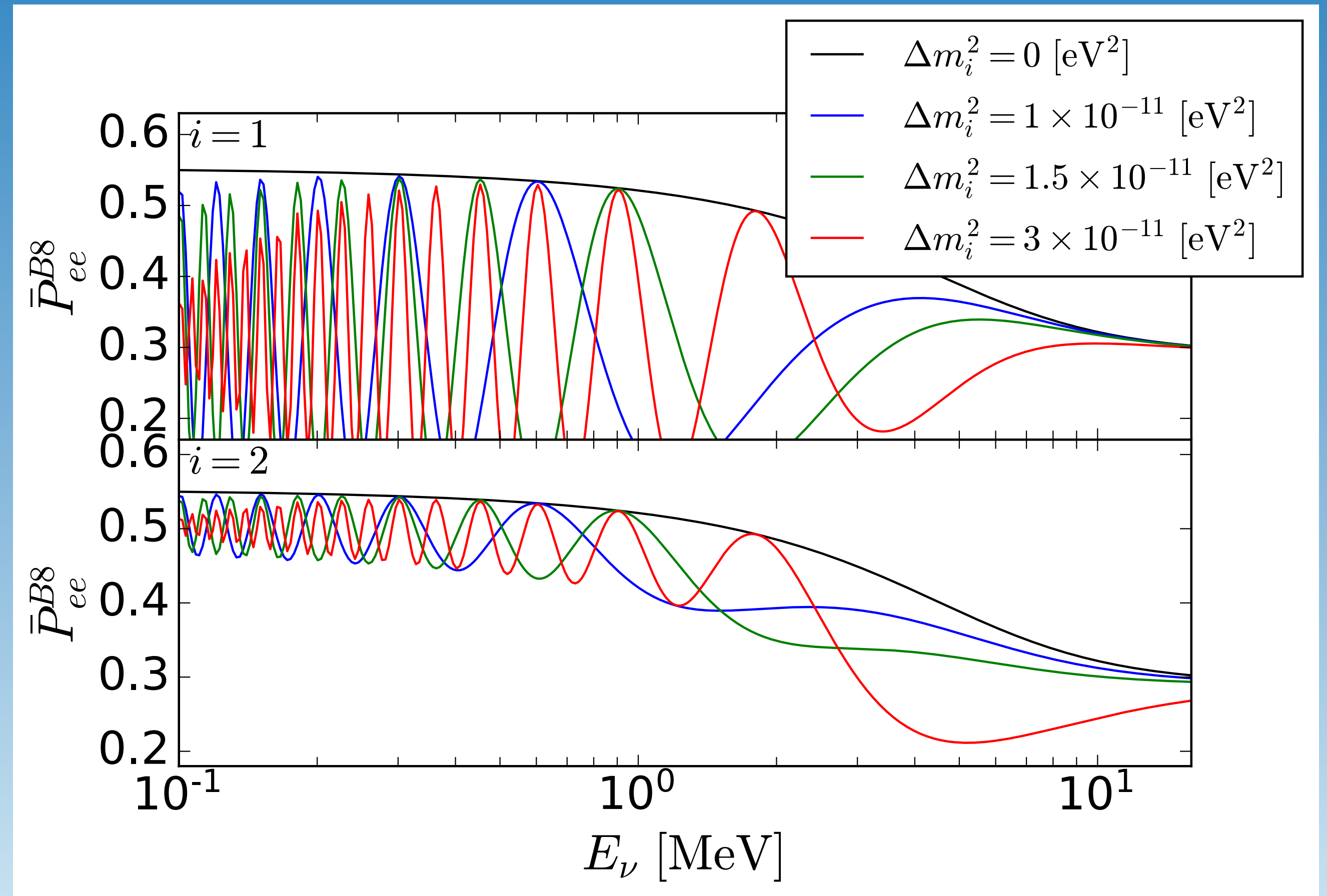
$$P(\nu_e \rightarrow \nu_e) = \cos^4 \theta_{13} \left( \cos^2 \theta_{12} \cos^2 \theta_{12}^M \cos^2 \left( \frac{\mu_1 m_1 L}{2E_\nu} \right) + \sin^2 \theta_{12} \sin^2 \theta_{12}^M \cos^2 \left( \frac{\mu_2 m_2 L}{2E_\nu} \right) \right) + \sin^4 \theta_{13} \cos^2 \left( \frac{\mu_3 m_3 L}{2E_\nu} \right)$$

# The pseudo-Dirac scenario

In the following, I only keep one Majorana mass state at each step of our analysis

$$\Delta m^2 \equiv 2m\mu \sim 4E_\nu L \sim 10^{-12} \text{ eV}^2$$

The model is safe with respect to constraints coming from the early universe number of degrees of freedom



# The pseudo-Dirac scenario

It seems the Solar Neutrinos have a slight preference for a non zero mass splitting

G Anamiati, RM Fonseca, M Hirsch, PHYSICAL REVIEW D 97, 095008 (2018)

The latest constraint is  $\Delta m^2 \leq 1.1 \times 10^{-18} \text{eV}^2$  by the observation of NGC 1068

Mild preference for  $\Delta m^2 \sim 6 \times 10^{-20} \text{eV}^2$

Rink Thomas, and Manibrata Sen. "Constraints on pseudo-Dirac neutrinos using high-energy neutrinos from NGC 1068." arXiv preprint arXiv:2211.16520 (2022).

Martinez-Soler, Ivan, Yuber F. Perez-Gonzalez, and Manibrata Sen. "Signs of pseudo-Dirac neutrinos in SN1987A data." Physical Review D 105.9 (2022): 095019.

There are also Ultra High Cosmic Neutrinos that are sensitive to  $\Delta m^2 \sim 10^{-18} \text{eV}^2$

Arman Esmaili and Yasaman Farzan, JCAP12(2012)014

Future experiments such as DUNE and JUNO will explore the region  $\Delta m^2 \sim 10^{-5} \text{eV}^2$

G Anamiati, V De Romeri, M Hirsch, CA Ternes, M Tórtola, PHYSICAL REVIEW D 100, 035032 (2019)



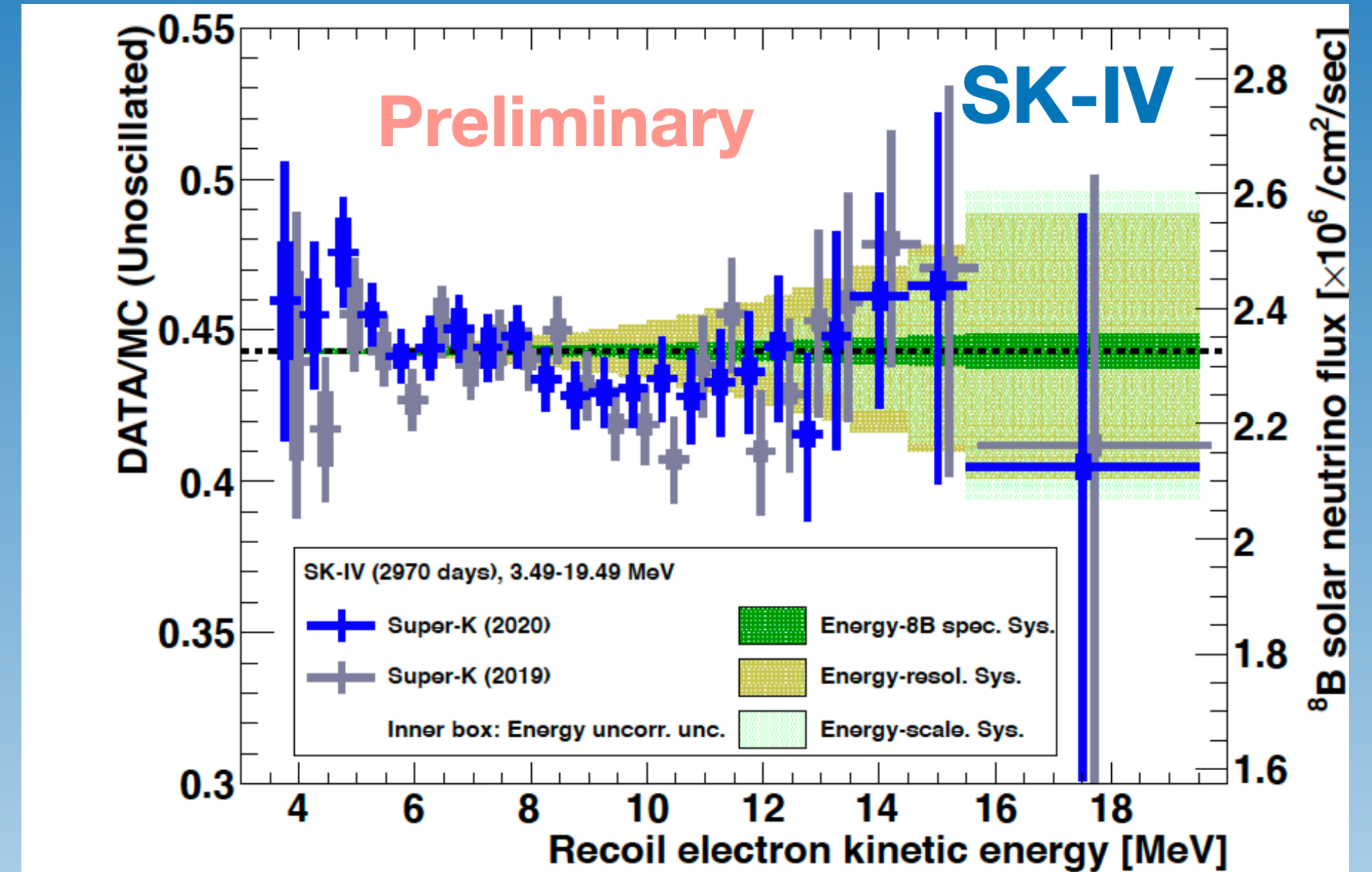
# Data and Constraints

## BOREXINO

Solar $\nu$	Borexino results cpd/100 ton
$pp$	$134 \pm 10^{+6}_{-10}$
${}^7\text{Be}$	$48.3 \pm 1.1^{+0.4}_{-0.7}$
$pep$	$2.43 \pm 0.36^{+0.15}_{-0.22}$ (HZ)
	$2.65 \pm 0.36^{+0.15}_{-0.24}$ (LZ)

Agostini, M., et al. "Sensitivity to neutrinos from the solar CNO cycle in Borexino." *The European Physical Journal C* 80.11 (2020): 1-15

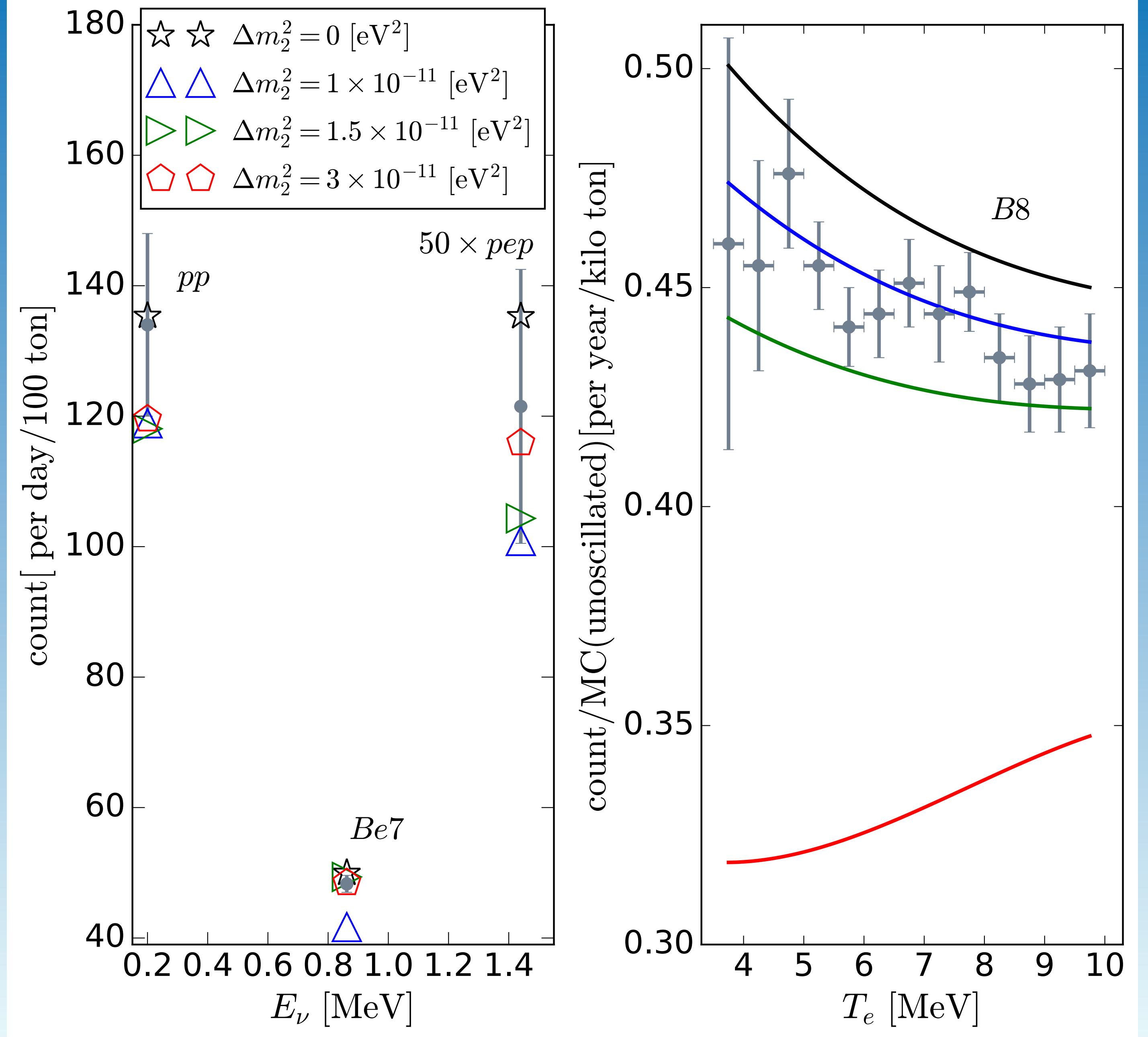
## Super-Kamiokande (2020)



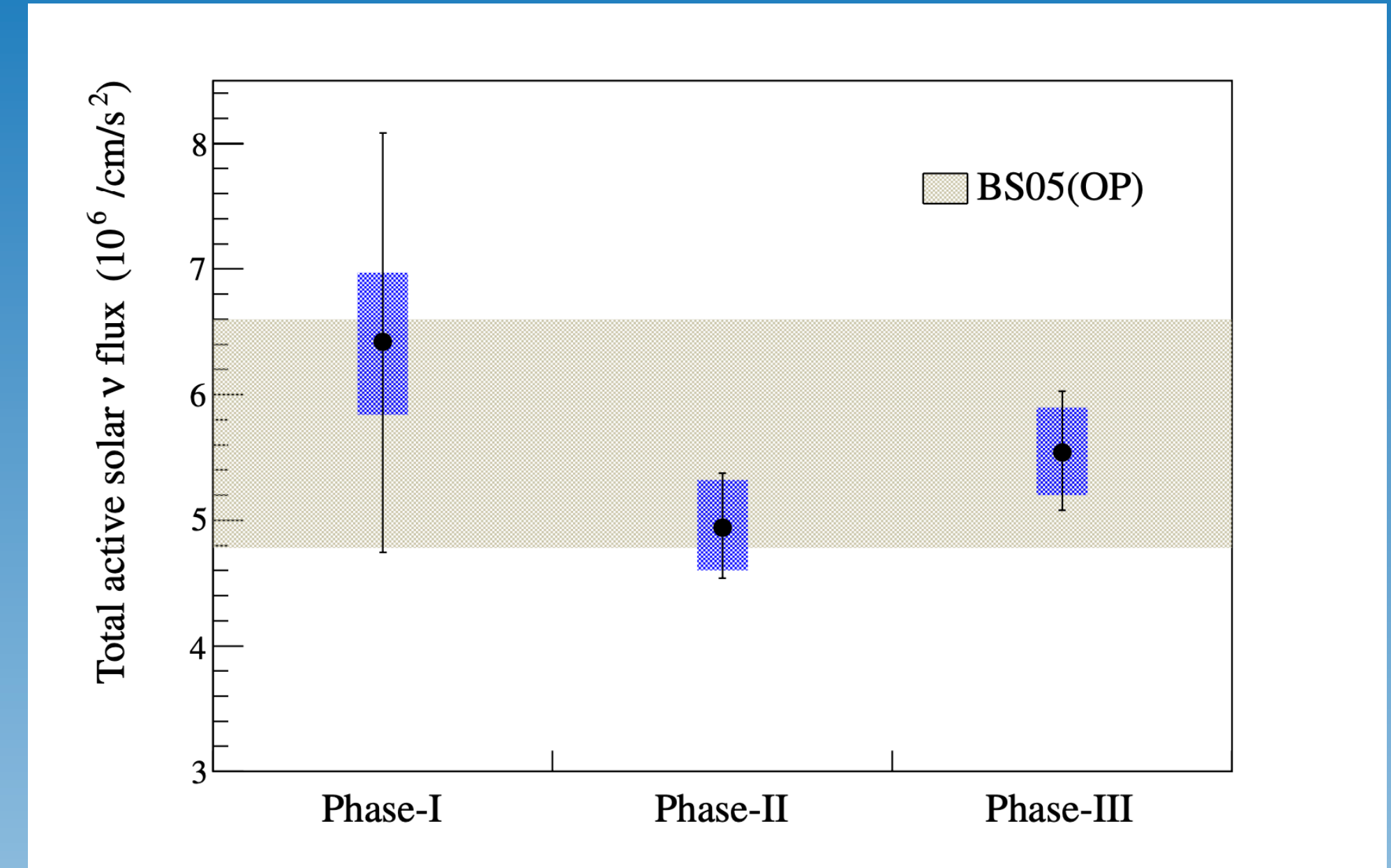
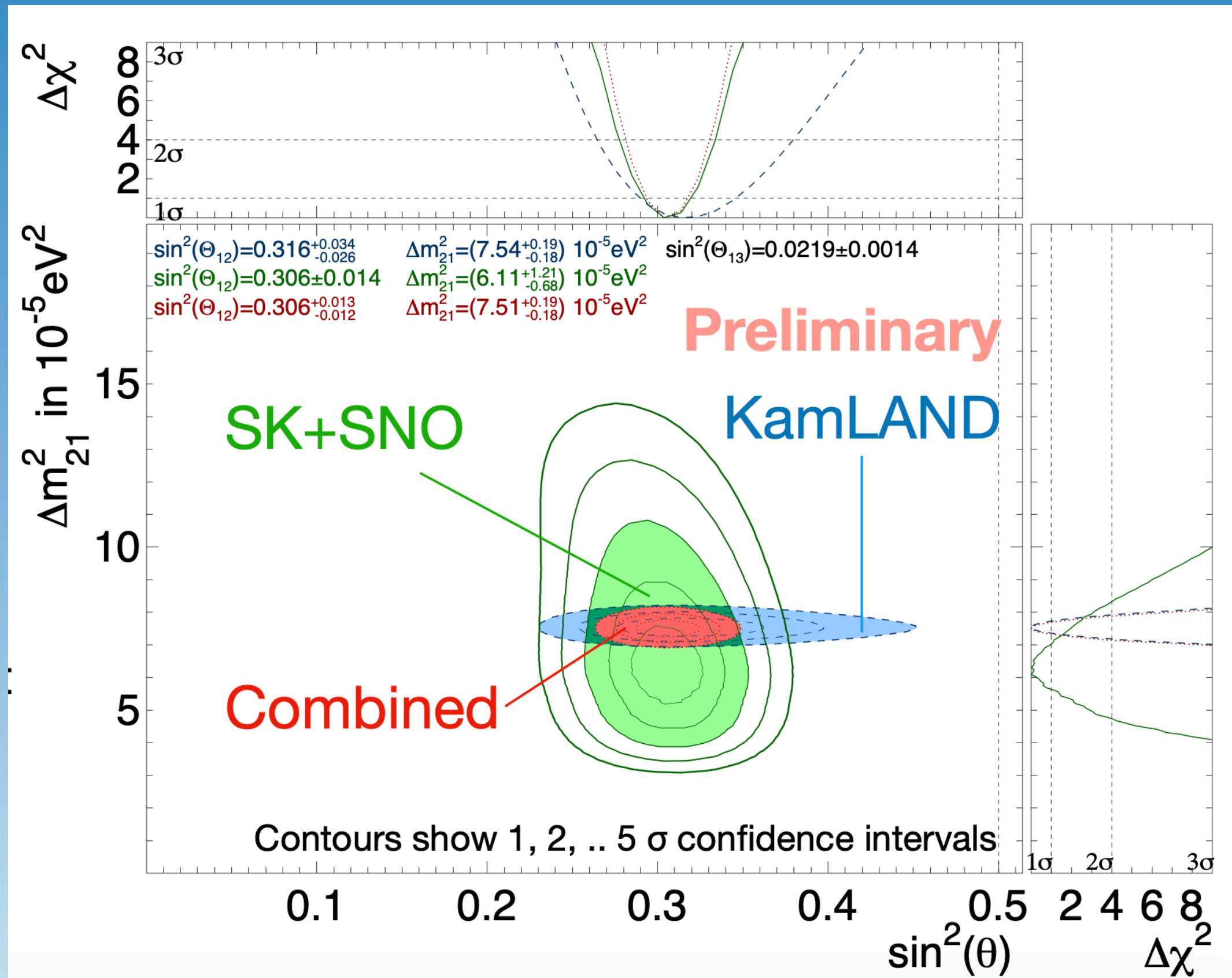
Y. Nakajima (Super-Kamiokande Collaboration), Talk Given at the XXIX International Conference on Neutrino Physics and Astrophysics June 30 (2020), [https://indico.fnal.gov/event/43209/contributions/187863/attachments/129474/159089/nakajima\\_Neutrino2020.pdf](https://indico.fnal.gov/event/43209/contributions/187863/attachments/129474/159089/nakajima_Neutrino2020.pdf).

$$\mathcal{T}^j(t, \Delta t) = N \frac{t}{\Delta t} \int_{\Delta t} dt \int dT_e \int_{E_\nu(T_e)} dE_\nu \phi^j \frac{d\lambda^j}{dE_\nu} \left[ \frac{d\sigma_e}{dT_e} P_{ee} + \frac{d\sigma_\mu}{dT_e} (1 - P_{ee} - P_{es}) \right]$$

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Bellerive, Alain, et al. "The sudbury neutrino observatory." *Nuclear Physics B* 908 (2016): 30-51

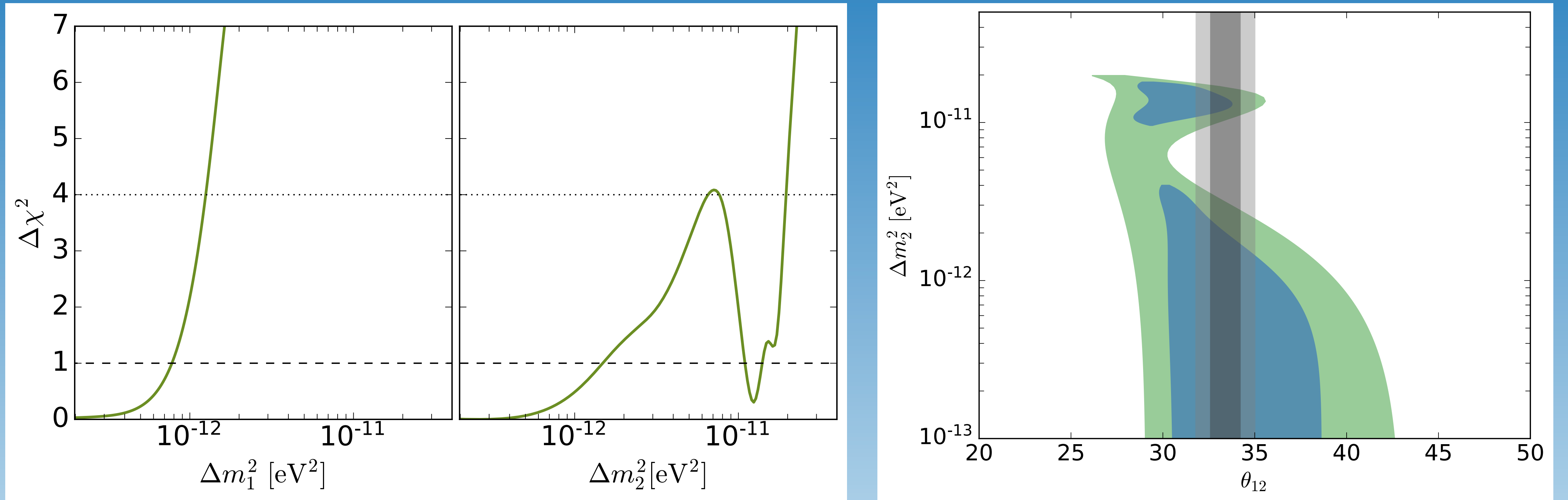
**From SNO results the sterile Neutrinos should contribute less than 10% of the total flux**

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$$\text{KamLAND} : \Delta m_{12}^2 \sim (7.5 \pm 0.5) \times 10^{-5} \text{eV}^2$$

$$\frac{\Delta m^2 L_{\text{kam}}}{2E_\nu} \ll 1$$

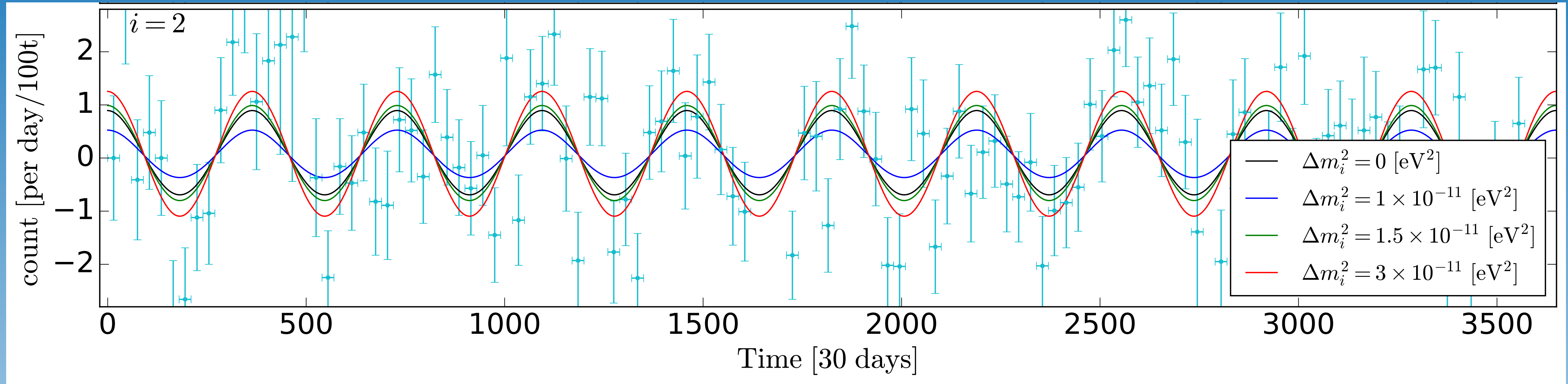
# Results



S.A, Yasaman Farzan "Revisiting pseudo-Dirac neutrino scenario after recent solar neutrino data." *Physical Review D* 107.7 (2023): 075029.

$$\chi_{min}^2(\Delta m_i^2, \theta_{12}) = \min_{\text{nuisance}} \left[ \chi_{Su}^2 + \chi_{Bo}^2 + \left( \frac{\Delta m_{21}^2 - \Delta \bar{m}_{21}^2}{\sigma_{\Delta m_{21}^2}} \right)^2 \right]$$

# Seasonal Variation Amplitude

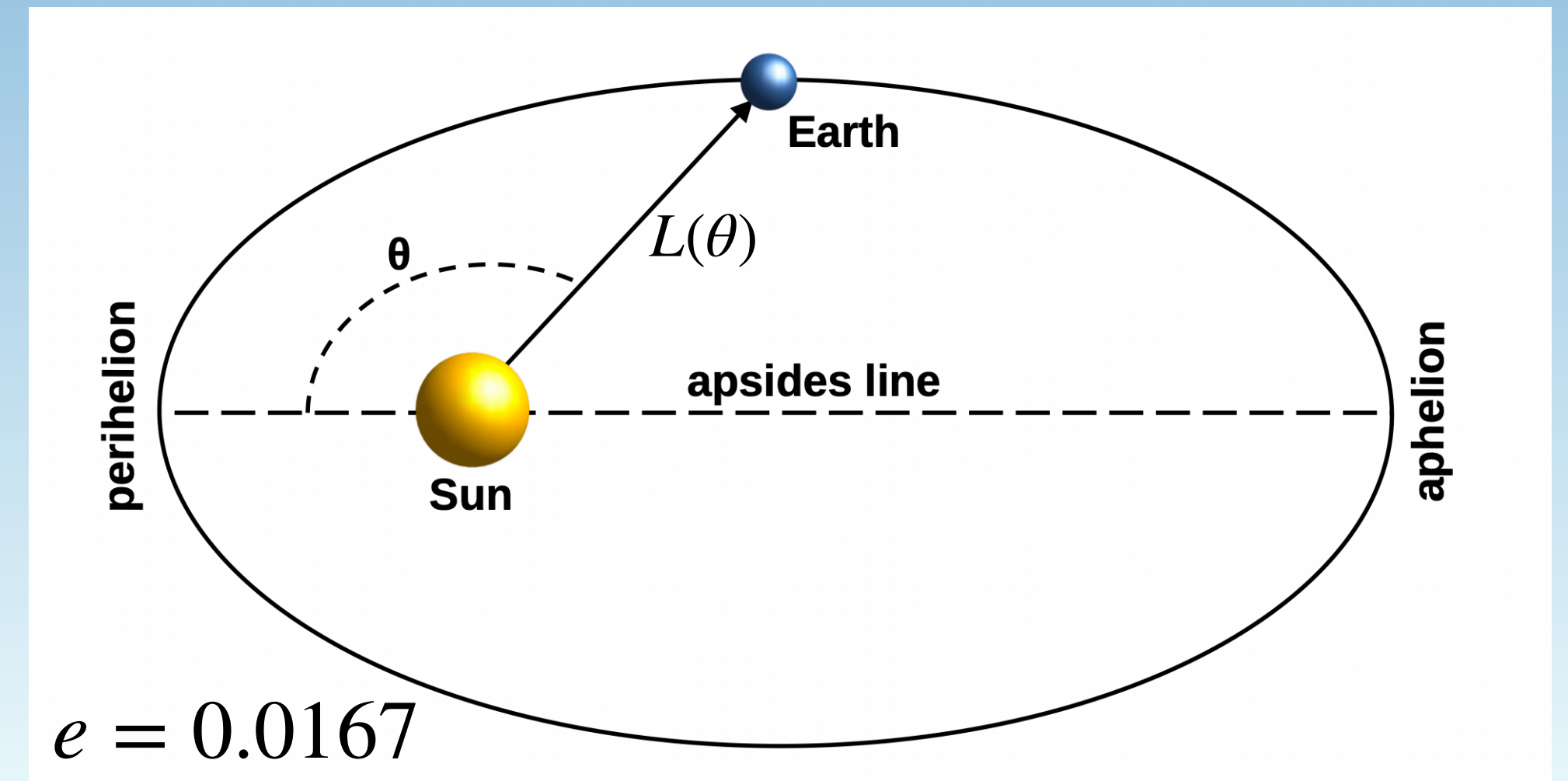


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$$\mathcal{T} = N \int_{\text{bin}} dt \int dT_e \int_{E_\nu(T_e)} dE_\nu \phi \frac{d\lambda}{dE_\nu} \left[ \frac{d\sigma_e}{dT_e} P_{ee} + \frac{d\sigma_\mu}{dT_e} (1 - P_{ee} - P_{es}) \right]$$

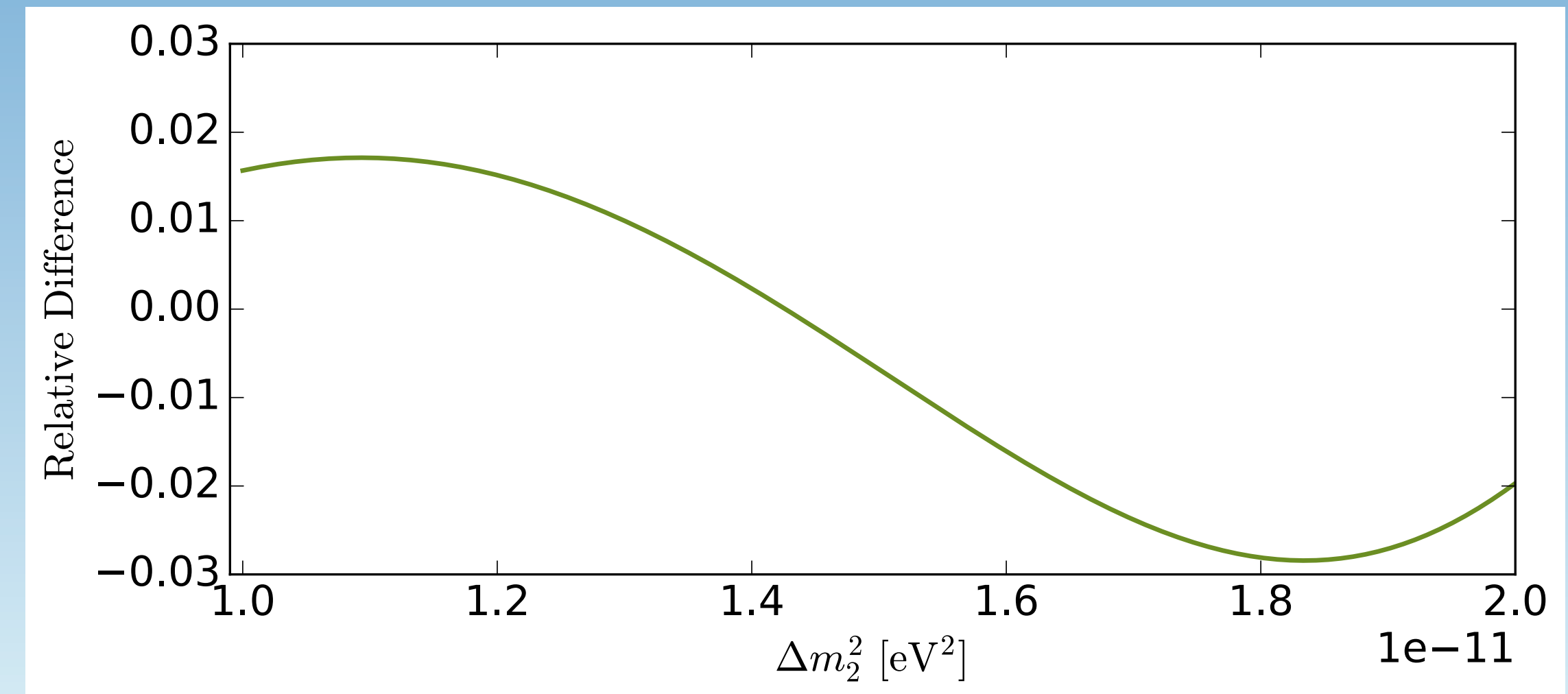
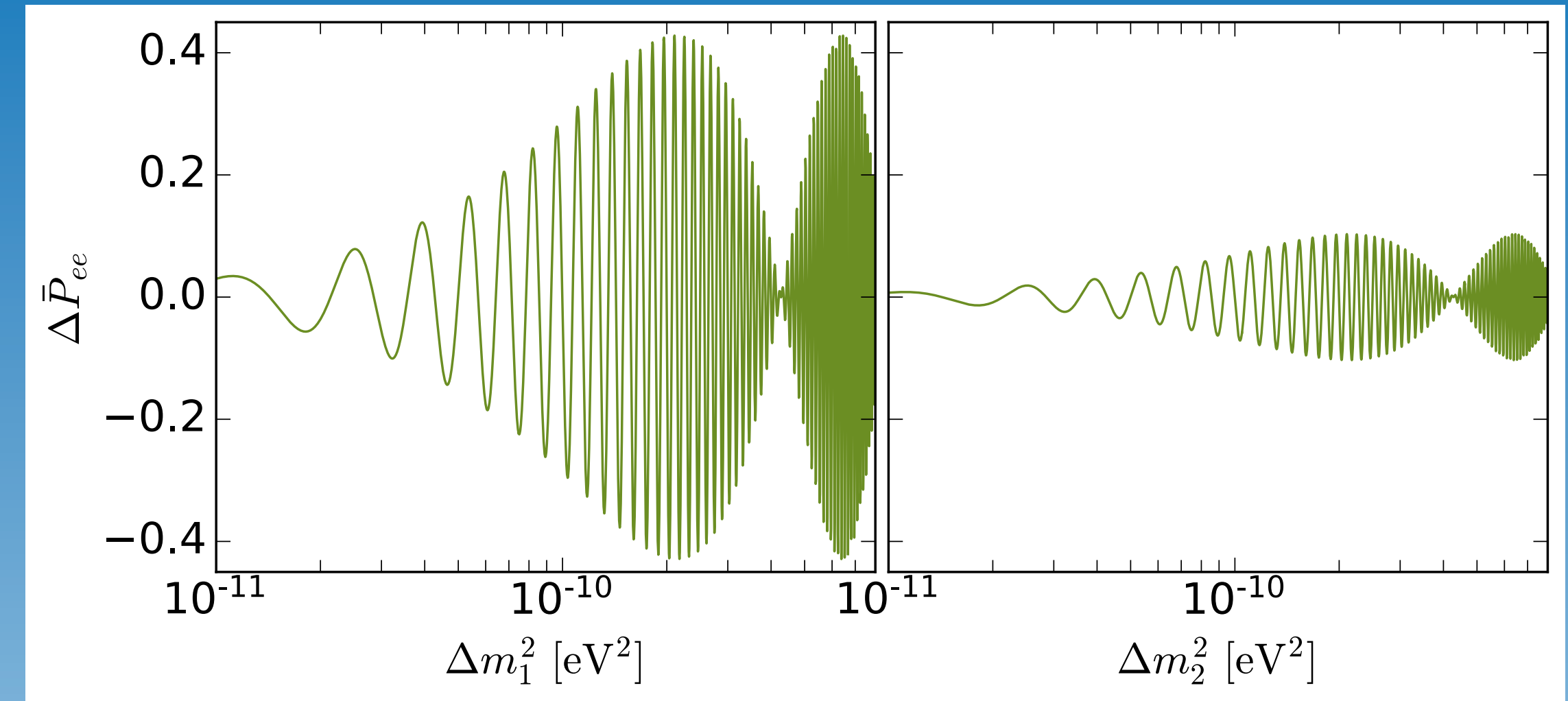
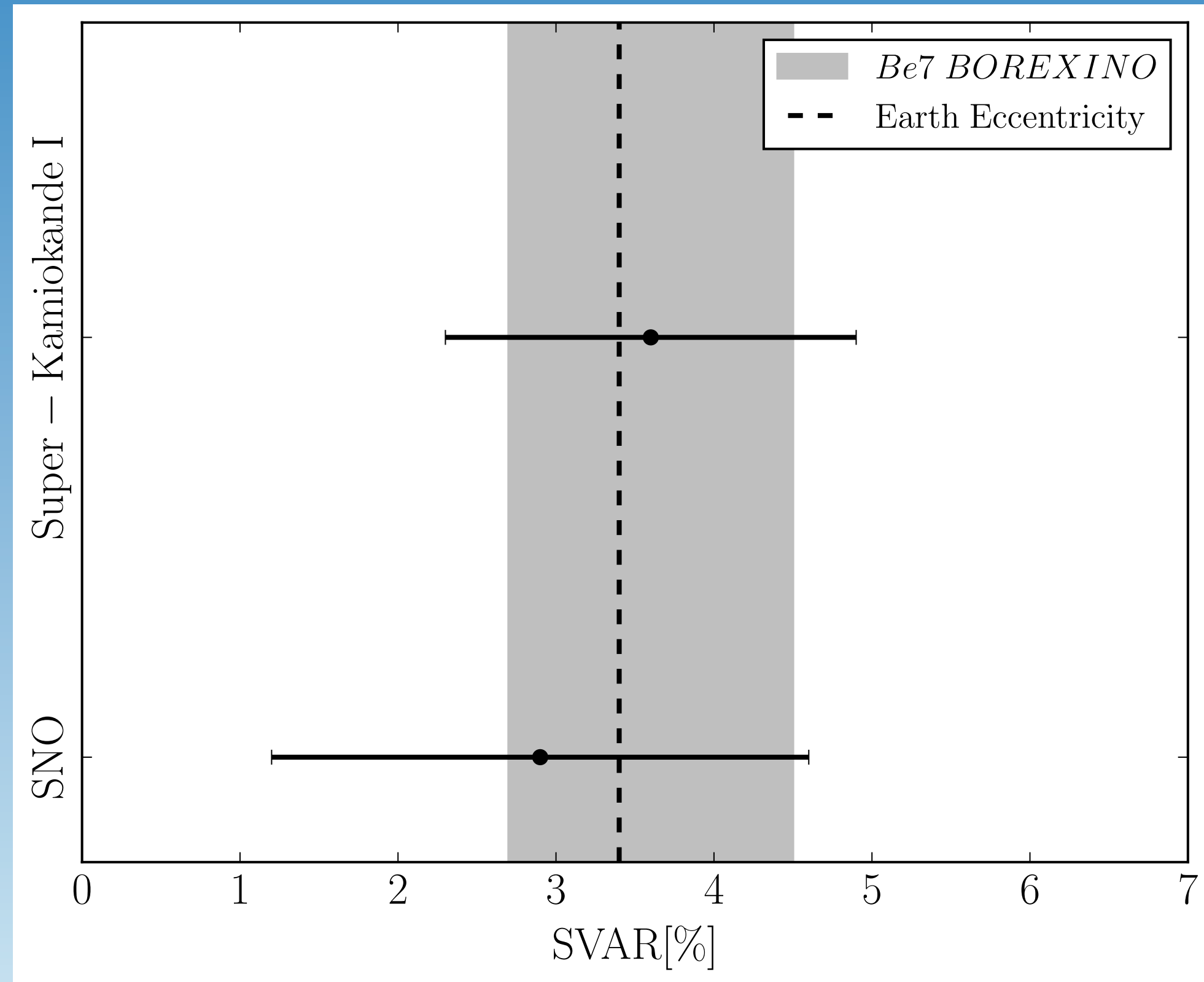
$$L(\theta) = \frac{a(1 - e^2)}{1 + e \cos \theta}$$

$$\mathcal{T}(L) = \bar{\phi}_\nu \frac{a^2}{L^2} F_\nu(L)$$



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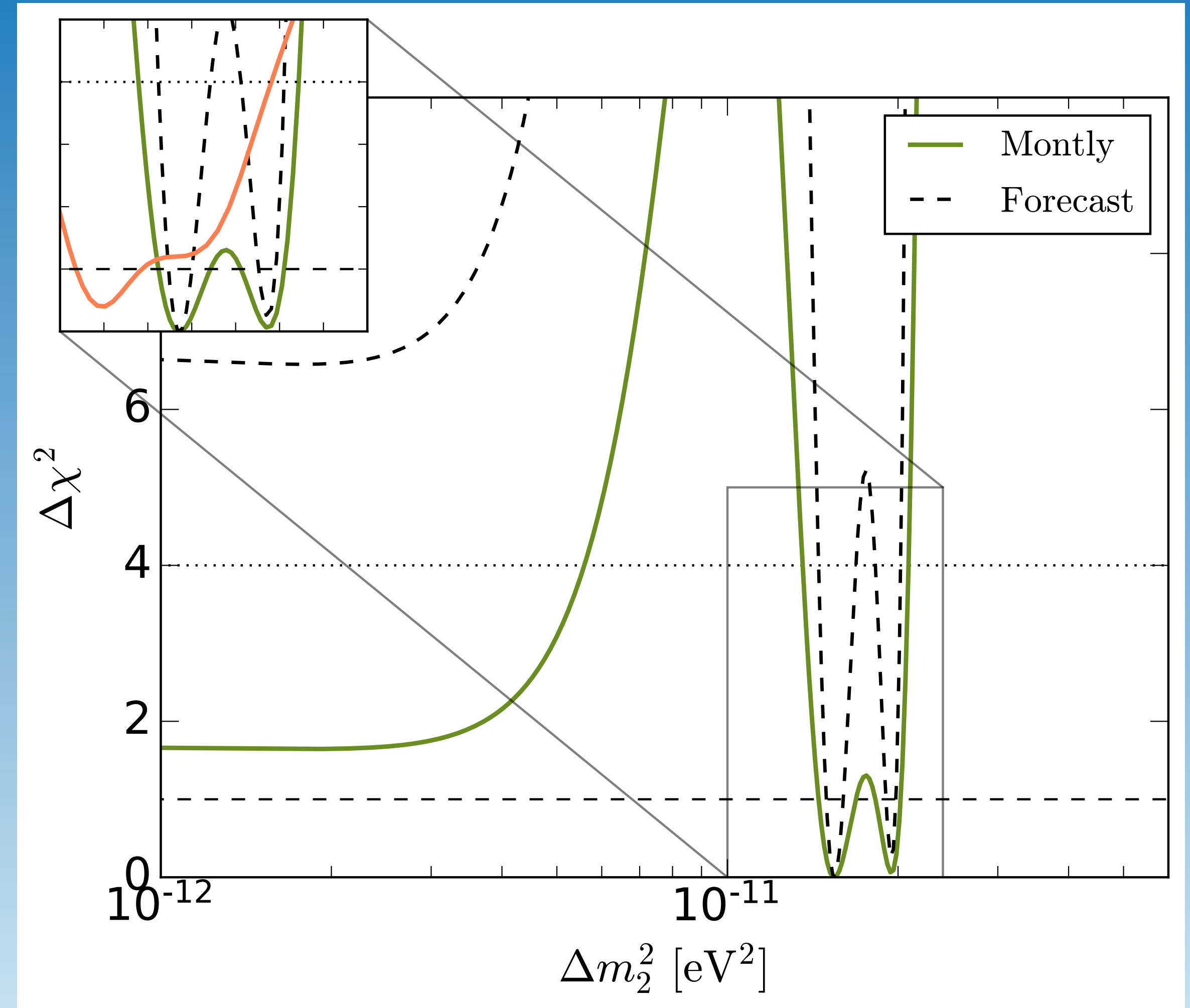
# Seasonal Variation Amplitude



$$\Delta \bar{P}_{ee} = \bar{P}_{ee}^{Be7}(E_\nu, L_{max}) - \bar{P}_{ee}^{Be7}(E_\nu, L_{min})$$

# Results

$$\chi^2 = \sum_t \frac{\left[ D_t^{Be} - \left( \mathcal{T}_t^{Be7}(\text{day, m}) - \mathcal{T}_t^{Be7}(\text{day, y}) \right) \right]^2}{\sigma_t^2}$$



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# Conclusion

We study the pseudo-Dirac scenario and put constraints on  $\Delta m_1^2$  and  $\Delta m_2^2$  with the latest BOREXINO and Super-Kamiokande results

The upper bound  $\Delta m_1^2 < 1.5 \times 10^{-12} \text{eV}^2$  and  $\Delta m_2^2 < 2 \times 10^{-11} \text{eV}^2$  have been found by yearly averaged data

Seasonal variation amplitude tend to a 5% more amplitude than the standard

There is a new solution in the range of  $\Delta m_2^2 = (1.4 - 2) \times 10^{-11} \text{eV}^2$  as well as the standard MSW solution that has been found by seasonal variation amplitude data

More precise data in the intermediate energies  $E_\nu \sim (1 - 3) \text{ MeV}$  is required to test the new solution



# Is this a New Solution?

